**Deprearioa in key sector of Indian Industry**

974. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are at least nine key sectors of Indian industry which remained depressed daring the first half of the current financial year and that there is no prospect of improvement is their business in the coming months;

(b) if so, what are those sectors;

(c) whether it is also a fact that performance of all these sectors is largely dependent on Government's spending and most of them are operating in infrastructure areas;

(d) if so, what are the main reasons for their poor performance and for not hoping a revival; and

(e) what step* Government propose te take to help these industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) te (e) A comparison of the performance of 9 infrastructure sectors which is enclosed shows that the performance of all but three of the sectors, viz. telecommunications (phone connections), fertiliser and crude petroleum has been significantly higher during April—September, 1993 compared to April—September, 1992.

The Cabinet Committee on Industrial Infrastructure periodically reviews the performance of these infrastructure sectors and appropriate remedial measures are taken.

**Statement**

*Infrastructure Performance during Apr.-Sep. 1993 and Apr-Sept 1992*

| S. No. | Sector | Unit | Performance during | | % Variation Apr—Sep 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Apr—Sep 1992 | Apr—Sep 1993 | Apr-Sep 1992 |
| 1 | Power | BU | 144.32 | 156.69 | 8.6 |
| 2 | Coal | MT | 96.69 | 102.11 | 5.6 |
| 3 | Saleable Steel | MT | 5.30 | 5.64 | 6.5 |
| 4 | Rly. Revenue Freight Traffic | MT | 165.52 | 168.03 | 1.5 |
| 5 | Cement | MT | 26.33 | 27.87 | 5.9 |
| 6 | Fertilizers (N+P) | MT | 4.79 | 4.17 | —12.9 |
| 7 | Petroleum | | | | |
| | (a) Crude Oil | MT | 13.74 | 13.12 | — 4.5 |
| | (b) Refinery Throughput | MT | 26.37 | 26.81 | 1.7 |
| 8 | Cargo Handled at Major Ports | MT | 79.97 | 83.80 | 4.8 |
| 9 | Telecommunications (Monitored Sector) | | | | |
| | (a) Net Switching Capacity | 000' lines | 49.69 | 83.08 | 67.2 |
| | (b) Net Telephone Lines | 000' lines | 92.20 | 84.24 | —8.6 |